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February 28, 1957WEEKLY DEPARTMENT STORE SALES

Federal Reserve District	Percentage change from corresponding period a year ago (Based on retail dollar amounts)					
	One week ending				Four weeks ending	Jan. 1 to
	Feb. 23	Feb. 16	Feb. 9	Feb. 2	Feb. 23	Feb. 23 1/
Boston	+ 5	+13	+15	- 9	+ 6	+ 2
New York	+14	+13	+ 3	r+ 2	+ 8	+ 6
Philadelphia	+ 5	+ 5	- 2	r- 2	+ 1	+ 1
Cleveland	+ 1	0	+ 7	r+ 4	+ 3	+ 1
Richmond	+ 3	r- 2	+ 4	+17	+ 5	+ 4
Atlanta	+ 1	r+11	r+ 6	r+10	+ 7	+ 6
Chicago	+ 5	+10	+11	+ 4	+ 7	+ 3
St. Louis	- 4	r+ 3	- 1	+ 3	0	0
Minneapolis	- 2	+10	+ 1	0	+ 2	+ 2
Kansas City	- 8	+ 6	0	+10	+ 2	+ 1
Dallas	- 9	+ 5	0	+10	+ 1	+ 1
San Francisco	+ 3	r+ 5	- 5	- 1	0	+ 2
U. S. Total	+ 3	+ 7	+ 4	r+ 4	+ 5	+ 3

U. S. weekly index, without seasonal adjustment, 1947-49=100 2/

1957		1956		1955	
Jan. 26	96	Jan. 28	94	Jan. 29	87
Feb. 2	r94	Feb. 4	90	Feb. 5	86
Feb. 9	101	Feb. 11	97	Feb. 12	92
Feb. 16	102	Feb. 18	95	Feb. 19	90
Feb. 23	100	Feb. 25	97	Feb. 26	93

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- 1/ Comparison period begins with December 31-January 5 week in 1957 and with the January 2-7 week in 1956.
- 2/ For description and weekly indexes for the period January 1937 to March 1952 see Federal Reserve Bulletin for April 1952, pp. 359-362. Indexes for the period April 1952 to date may be obtained upon request from the Division of Research and Statistics.
- Weekly indexes at the district and city levels are published by several of the Federal Reserve Banks.